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And the Star Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave.

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL TICKETS.

First District,
BLACKBURN, B. DOVERNER,
of Ohio County.

Third District,
WILLIAM S. EDWARDS,
of Kanawha County.

OHIO COUNTY REPUBLICAN TICKETS.

(Nominated June 23, 1893.)
For House of Delegates,
H. P. DEHNEN,
H. W. CONNELLY,
HARRY W. McLELLAN,
RALPH MOORE,
County Superintendent of Free Schools,
GEORGE S. BIGGS.

The Climax Approaching.

The attention of Europe and America is now directed to two points on the globe at which important developments, expected to bring the war a long stride nearer the end, will occur within the next few days. Simultaneously with the movement on Puerto Rico, which is now under way, comes the news from Manila that we may look for the assault on that city by the American land and naval forces, in conjunction with the insurgents, any day. The situation at both points of attack is such as to cause this government little anxiety concerning the outcome.

The movements of troops for Puerto Rico are being rapidly pushed, and when the number now enroute and those under orders for transportation, are all landed under the protection of the formidable naval squadron that is detailed for the purpose, the history of Santiago will be repeated, but without the hardships and the losses that were suffered there. The American land forces will be overwhelming in number, and the fleet will have a clear way for the bombardment of the fortifications of San Juan.

Whether this movement will bring to a climax the alleged peace proposals that see the subject of such persistent reports from Madrid in the European press, or whether the Spaniards will continue their absurd stand in the face of the inevitable loss of its remaining West Indian possession and the Philippines, remains to be seen.

Later reports from Manila indicate that Dewey has matters well in hand, and that every preparation is being made for a decisive action which will result in the fall of Manila. Another brilliant American victory in Asiatic waters, in which the magnificent gallantry of American seamen will again be put to a successful test, together with the splendid courage of American volunteers under General Merritt, is confidently expected. It will be curious to note how far, in the meantime, Spanish honor at Madrid will feel the little there is left by bona fide suits for peace. The end, so far as Spain is concerned, cannot be long delayed. It is inevitable.

An Absurd Inconsistency.

There are some good things, as well as some things that are not good, in the Democratic resolutions adopted by the congressional convention at Weston Thursday; there are also some things that are inconsistent with the Democratic record, though doubtless the renewed pledges are well meant. There are likewise assertions that are inconsistent with each other.

Aside from the stereotyped denunciations of the Republican party, some of which are unjustified, but which everybody expected, one particular denunciation needs some explanation to an intelligent public. It is involved in the strange inconsistency brought out in the comparison of a good resolution with one of the "we denounce." The convention did what all sorts of conventions, and the assemblages of all parties are doing in this country to-day, when it pledged its "support to the existing administration in the vigorous prosecution of the war to a speedy and victorious conclusion." No one doubts the sincerity of that declaration, for all good Americans stand together on the proposition. But how does this patriotic pledge chime in with the denunciation of the Republican party for the voting of a loan for this "prosecution of the war to a speedy and victorious conclusion?" How does this gathering of First district Democrats expect that the emergency expenses and the enormous cost of conducting a vigorous, or any other sort of a war, are to be raised without heavy increase in taxation and the increase of the "bonded indebtedness of the country?" Under what other

circumstances than the present ones connected with the conduct of an expensive war has the present administration and Congress "increased the bonded indebtedness of the country?" Why a total ignoring of the fact that the first \$200,000,000 of the authorized bonds for the express purpose of conducting the war, which the Democrats themselves were enthusiastic for, were subscribed six times over by the people, and awarded in small sums to the subscribers throughout the country, who thus expressed their confidence in the government and testified to the popularity of the loan? Is the effort made to make it appear that the increase of the bonded indebtedness is a useless piece of business, with the great emergency case before the country, which the people demanded and are supporting?

The insertion of this "denunciation" in the Weston resolutions is the very denunciation, as are some other "denunciations" to be found in them. Some time since the Democratic convention held in the Third district denounced the war loan and actually charged that it had been made to cover up Dingley bill deficiencies, and in the next breath pledged support to the war. The Weston declaration is scarcely less absurd.

An Alaska Newspaper.

The Intelligence is in receipt of copies of the Daily Alaskan, published at Skagway, the sender being Mr. M. G. Campbell. The paper is quite up to date in its appearance and contents. A glance over its columns impresses one with the fact that the local life in this northern city is about as it is in the states, and there is an air of prosperity about the paper which indicates enterprise on the part of the business community, which evidently believes in liberal advertising. A feature of the Alaskan of July 5 is an elaborate account of a great Fourth of July celebration. An item of news reports the arrival of "Pat" Galvin and party from Dawson, Galvin being mentioned as having made \$4,000,000 since his arrival in Alaska.

Skagway is a candidate. It wants to be the capital of Alaska under the new territorial government which is being shaped, and the Alaskan is booming the proposition. The following extract from one of the Alaskan's articles, and vouched for as true by the sender of the paper, illustrates the confidence the citizens of Skagway have in the future of their city, and the reason for the faith that is within them:

While conversing with some prominent citizens Monday evening on McKinley street, Dr. Bryant said that in one year there is no doubt that the population of Skagway would reach a figure so large that it would astonish the world and the growth and developments in the past few months was merely the beginning of what there is to be made. The doctor continued to expatiate on the glories of Skagway, when he was suddenly called down by one of his auditors, by way of saying that what he was saying was a year from date. "This was a poser. The doctor seemed for a moment without an answer, but looking upward for an inspiration he saw away up in the sky, upon a high peak, plainly marked by the melting snow the figures 110,111.

With a gasp of astonishment the doctor dramatically pointed high in the air and said: "There is your answer. Nature and the elements are working for the advancement of our city." This was not to be gainsaid, and the listeners looked with wonder at the new proof of Skagway is to be the metropolis of Alaska.

Imagine a city so blessed that its inhabitants may read its destiny marked out by nature on the distant mountain peaks far up in the sky. If this doesn't give Skagway a title as the seat of government for Alaska it is hard to imagine what would.

German Press More Friendly.

It is a matter of note, if not absolute significance, that since the destruction of Cervera's fleet and the surrender of Santiago there is a marked change in the tone of the German press toward the United States. Sneers at the military and naval strength of this country have given place to expressions that cannot be construed to be altogether unfriendly. Those American tourists who tried to convince the German press and many German people that they were taking a wrong view of the American character met with little encouragement. Now, it is noted that a remarkable change has taken place, and, as the New York Times remarks, the arguments of American visitors in Germany didn't bring it about. American navy and army commanders delivered the arguments. The Times says:

Commodore Dewey delivered an illustrated lecture in Manila Bay on the last of May upon the manner in which an industrial nation could destroy the fleet of a military nation. This lecture made some impression upon the German mind, although the German newspapers were still of the impression that the Dewey ships and guns were so superior to the Montebello that it was not to be admitted that in discipline and morale there was any superiority or even an equality upon the part of the American navy. They ridiculed our Deweyishness and insisted that a very different story would be told when the Cervera's fleet should meet the Sampson. Well, the Cervera's fleet has met the Sampson, and it is lie. Since the running sea fight off Santiago the German press has been insisting that Germany was actuated by the most friendly feelings toward America. This friendliness would be raised to positive enthusiasm if Watson should have the luck to fall in with Camara.

This is a somewhat humorous way to put it, but it is all true. There is nothing like the respect which is legitimately won, and when our naval and military forces by their magnificent feats succeeded in conquering the German prejudice against a country that made no pretensions to be either a naval or military power, but was "only a nation devoted to raising breadstuffs" they have accomplished a double victory.

The Latest Naval Victory.

The modesty with which Commander Todd, of the United States gunboat Wilmington, tells of the naval victory by the small battleship squadron at Manzanillo, is characteristic of our American naval officers. The exploit was a most creditable one, and yet in his report to Admiral Sampson Commander Todd referred to it as if it were a comparatively simple matter for our vessels, without a single loss on their side, after a firing for two and a half hours, should destroy three Spanish transports, blow up the

pointon which was the harbor guard, destroy three gunboats, sink one and drive another ashore.

It has come to be such a certainty that our naval fleets, both great and small, destroy about everything of the enemy's that falls in their way, and without losses of their own, that this news causes no surprise. The modesty of Commander Todd, in reciting his exploit, may be due to the fact that our naval officers are beginning to think that complete victories gained by them are only natural consequences of their running across the possessions of Spain that are afloat in the seas.

Interesting extracts from letters written by Lieutenant W. C. Dawson, of the battleship Indiana, on the Fourth of July, the day after the ship participated in the destruction of Cervera's fleet, will be found in to-day's Intelligence. Lieutenant Dawson, who is a nephew of Mr. A. W. Campbell, describes graphically the great tragedy, and the trip of the Indiana to Santiago with the convoy of General Shafter's invading army. The letters will be read with great interest, coming as they do from one of the brave officers who took part in the great exploit of Sampson's fleet off Santiago harbor, and a son of one of West Virginia's daughters.

The news that Santiago is rapidly assuming its normal aspect, that business has resumed, and that the people are contented under the new order of things, while the Spanish soldiers and officers are taking matters philosophically, and are assisting the Americans in many ways, should be very gratifying to the country. The course which was pursued by General Shafter, followed out all along the line in Cuba, will tend to a quick acceptance of new conditions by the population of Cuba, when the Americans are in possession of the island, and render the work of establishing a free government comparatively easy.

American one hundred cent dollars are accepted by the Spanish shopkeepers in Santiago, and they are glad to receive them. American money is good the world over, and with friend and foe alike, wherever it circulates, and it is especially valuable in saving the wounded feelings of the conquered Spaniards in the erstwhile Spanish-Cuban stronghold.

The strong fleet which is accompanying General Miles to Puerto Rico leaves no doubt that the movement is so shaped that there will be no possibility of failure. It will not be many days until the American flag will be floating over San Juan.

CURRENT COMMENT.

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STATE PRESS CLEANING.

The county court of Randolph county has granted the petition of the people of Elkins in the court house fight and the matter will go to the people again about the location of the county seat. The last time it was voted down by a small vote and the Beverly people promised that they would not talk new court house for five years if it were allowed to remain in their town. However, they disregarded the pledge and started in to build a new court house. The contract had been let but this will stop the whole proceeding until the fight is gone over again. This time it is thought it will carry.

A muscovy duck belonging to Mr. J. S. Lucas, a couple of miles from town, made its nest in a queer place this year. It selected a crotch high up in an oak tree in the woods on the place, and here it laid an egg daily until it had a dozen or more. These eggs were hatched, but the mother duck, who was very devoted, had hatched out twelve ducklings, which she gently carried to the ground one by one, and they new depart themselves in the stream nearby just like other ducks.—Shepherdstown Register.

Last week Dr. Warden, of Mannington, received two copperhead snakes from a friend in the country. He put the snakes in a glass covered box with a small rat. Then there was a battle royal. For an hour the snakes and rat fought viciously, when the rat gained the victory, killing both snakes. The rat was bitten probably twenty-five times and expired in about an hour after the snakes were dead.—Fairmont Examiner.

A fac-simile production of a letter written by General George Washington, recently appeared in the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. It is very interesting to the residents of this city, as the letter was written by a Charleston gentleman. The letter was written one hundred years ago on the sixteenth of this month.

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